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1. IN RESPONSE REFERENCE REQUEST FROM SOMECK, EMBASSY
FORWARDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON TRAINING FOR RATINGS AND
OFFICERS OFFERED IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

A. ENGINEERS, NAVIGATORS AND DESK OFFICERS ARE TRAINED
AT THREE MARITIME INSTITUTES OR JUNIOR COLLEGES:

1) TAIWAN PROVINCIAL COLLEGE OF MARITIME TECHNOLOGY-
KEELUNG; PRESIDENT IS MR. C. L. LI. FOUR YEAR
PROGRAM COSTS THE TRAINEES NT\$3,000 PER SEMESTER,
WHICH THEY PAY THEMSELVES. THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTERS THE SCHOOL AND PAYS ALL
OTHER COSTS. THERE ARE 4,637 DAYTIME AND EVENING
STUDENTS, OF WHICH 200-300 ARE SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS FROM VARIOUS SHIPPING COMPANIES.

2) KAOHSIUNG - MARITIME JUNIOR COLLEGE

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3) TAIPEI (SHIHLIN) - CHINA MARITIME JUNIOR COLLEGE

B) CREW (RATINGS) TRAINING FOR RECRUITS AS WELL AS FOR UPGRADING AND TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY IS ALSO GOVERNMENT SPONSORED (MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, CHINESE MARINER TRAINING CENTER) AND IS FINANCED BY A SPECIAL LEVY ON ALL SHIPPING LINES, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL FIRMS, TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHERS. RESOURCES COLLECTED THROUGH THIS RATHER GENERALLY IMPOSED SURCHARGE, CALLED THE "VOCATIONAL TRAINING FUND", ARE USED FOR TRAINING ALL TYPES OF TECHNICIANS NEEDED IN THE ROC ECONOMY, AND NOT LIMITED TO SEAMEN. THERE ARE FOUR SHORT-TERM RATING CLASSES EACH YEAR. THESE ARE HELD AT VARIOUS RENTED OR DONATED CLASSROOMS INCLUDING THE CHINESE MARITIME JUNIOR COLLEGE OF TAIPEI. AS AN ILLUSTRATIVE COMPANY CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND, CHINA UNION LINES (CUL) SAYS IT PAYS ABOUT US\$1,800 PER MONTH. THE LEVY IS BASED ON THE SIZE OF A COMPANY'S PAYROLL (1.5 PERCENT OF TAXABLE WAGES PAID). ACCORDING TO CUL, THE CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD., THOUGH A GOVERNMENT ENTITY, ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING FUND.

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